

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 328

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Della” and substitute “Della, Exum, Kelley, Klausmeier, and Pugh”; in line 9, strike “any family member” and substitute “certain family members”; and in line 27, strike “to policy” and substitute “policy to”.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “promptly”; in line 3, after “obligation” insert “within a certain period of time”; and in line 36, after “State” insert “UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 3, in each instance, strike the bracket; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 6 down through “**HARDSHIP**” in line 9; after line 18, insert:

“(4) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PROVIDE REDUCED-COST MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE TO PATIENTS WITH FAMILY INCOME BELOW 500% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL WHO HAVE A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

“(II) A HOSPITAL MAY SEEK AND THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE A FAMILY INCOME THRESHOLD THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE FAMILY INCOME THRESHOLD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

“(III) IN ESTABLISHING A FAMILY INCOME THRESHOLD THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE FAMILY INCOME THRESHOLD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT:

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- SERVICE AREA;
1. THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME IN THE HOSPITAL’S
  2. THE PATIENT MIX OF THE HOSPITAL;
  3. THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL;
  4. THE LEVEL OF BAD DEBT EXPERIENCED BY THE  
HOSPITAL;
  5. THE AMOUNT OF CHARITY CARE PROVIDED BY  
THE HOSPITAL; AND
  6. OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.”;

in lines 19 and 23, strike “(4)” and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(5)” and “(6)”, respectively; in line 20, strike “PARAGRAPH” and substitute “PARAGRAPHS”; in the same line, strike “(III)” and substitute “(4)”; in line 24, after “ANY” insert “IMMEDIATE”; and in line 25, after “PATIENT” insert “LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 16, after “OF” insert “THE”; and in the same line, after “SERVICE” insert “FOR WHICH THE JUDGMENT WAS AWARDED OR THE ADVERSE INFORMATION WAS REPORTED”.

On page 7, in line 15, strike “PROMPTLY”; and in line 16, after “OBLIGATION” insert “WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE OBLIGATION IS FULFILLED”.

On page 8, in line 10, strike “**3**” and substitute “**2**”.